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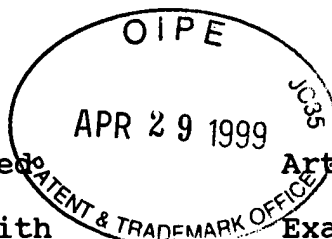
In re Application of

STEPHEN B. AUGER

Serial No.: To be assigned

Filed: Concurrently herewith

For: MINERAL STAINS FOR WOOD AND OTHER SUBSTRATES



Art Unit: 1751

Examiner: C. Liott

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Sir:

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Before considering this application, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Cancel claims 11-19, 24, 27 and 28 without prejudice.

Claim 4, line 1, change "method" to --kit--; change "2" to --30--.

Claim 5, line 1, change "method" to --kit--; change "2" to --30--.

Claim 6, line 1, change "method" to --kit--; change "2" to --30--.

Claim 7, line 1, change "method" to --kit--; change "2" to --30--.

Claim 8, line 1, change "method" to --kit--; change "2" to --30--.

Claim 9, line 1, change "method" to --kit--; change "2" to --30--.